

FRIDAY MARCH 16, 1744.

Rome, February 22.

N the 15th Cardinal Crescenzi set out from hence for his Government of Ferrara. On the same Day arrived a Courier from Ancona, with Advice, that Card. Massi was at the last Extremity; upon which his Nephew set out to attend his Eminence immediately.

The Prince of St. Croce having received his final Instructions, will speedily set out for Venice, where he is to reside with the Character of Ambassador from the Queen of Hungary. There happened here, the other Night, an odd Accident to the Countess Colonna. He went to sup at the Countess's, and left his Coach at her Door. His Coachman, who lik'd supping at his Ease as well as his Master, went some where for that purpose, leaving the Coach and Horses till he should come back. The Castle find themselves thus deserted both by Master and Man, and till their usual Time of going home, and then fairly tried away the Machine to the Quirinal, where the knocking against the Gates, the Porters opened them; and when M. Colonna returned, he found his Coach at the bottom of the great Stair-Case, after his Coachman had spent better than an Hour in looking for it.

Venus, March 7. Yesterday several Officers of high Rank took Leave of her Majesty, in order to set out for the Rhine and Bavaria. The Army on the former will be composed of 18 Regiments of Foot, and 21 of Cavalry, commanded by Prince Charles, and Field-Marshal Daun. They are to have under them the Lieutenant-General Marquis Philibert, Prince of Birkenfeld, Bellair, Prince of Six-Gotha, Pernes, Preising, Francis de St. Leon, Felicitz, Nadali, Merck, Leopold Daun, Grune, Kumbourg, Konigs-gg, Bernclau, and the Prince of Salsbittel. The Army in Bavaria is to consist of ten Regiments of Foot, six of Cuirassiers, and two of Dragoons. Count Balthasi will have the Chief Command, and will in Subordination to Prince Charles of Lorraine, will have under him the following Lieutenant-Field-Marshal; viz. Charles St. Ignon, Charles Palfi, Holi, Schwarzwitz, Wenceslaus Wallis, Prince Piccolomini, and others.

Frankfort, March 11. His Imperial Majesty received, yesterday in the Evening, a Courier with Advice of a bloody Engagement between the combined Fleets, and that of Great Britain, under the Command of Admiral Boscawen; but the Particulars are so variously, and, with so confusedly reported, that it is impossible to collect from them any regular Account. His Excellency the Count de Baviere, who has been expected here every day above this fortnight, is not arrived; at which the Court seems greatly out of Humour. The Waters of the Maine are risen so much lately, that it is thought they are as high as they have been these 50 Years, and have actually broke into several Houses in this City. We begin to doubt a good deal, as to the Truth of some pieces of Intelligence, taken on the Credit of the Court, and particularly, of the observing Army of Neutrality; which is no longer talked of. We have, however, still some Hopes, from the Cordial Friendship of his Prussian Majesty, heightened of late by the Inter-marriage agreed between the Margrave Charles, and the Daughter of Prince William of Hesse, the most beautiful, and most accomplished Princess in Germany, which has been for some time settled, and will be consummated speedily.

Vienna, March 21. According to our freshest Advices from Paris, the French Court still insist on the Victory gained by their Fleet in the Mediterranean; but as they are very shy of Circumstances, the Inhabitants of this City do not give implicit Credit to what they deliver. The following Letters have been transmitted to us.

Extract of a Letter, dated Versailles, March 8, 1744.

M. Noailles did Yesterday, in the King's Drawing-Room, that a Spanish Ship was arrived at Barcelona in a very shattered Condition, having lost about eighty Men, and three Officers; the Captain of which had immediately dispatched a Courier to the Infant Don Philip, in order to let him know that Admiral M. de Court had sunk seven of his own Ships, to prevent their being taken. That there were besides, four English Vessels in a miserable Plight; and that M. de Court was between the English Fleet and Portsmouth, in order to hinder them from getting into that Harbour. This Courier passed thro' Lyons, in order to see if Don Philip was still there; and by this Means we have all the News.

Extract of a Letter from Lyons, dated March 4, 1744.

Yesterday there arrived here a Courier, dispatched by the Infant Don Philip to the Duke of Alba, who remains in this City on Account of a slight Indisposition. His Royal Highness informs that Nobleman, by a Letter, that he has received a Courier from Barcelona, dispatched by Don Olivarez, who commands the Neptune, a Ship of 80 Guns, and who informs him, that his Vessel is in a very bad Condition, having lost about 80 Men and Officers; that the Engagement was very warm, and often renewed; that the English had Seven of their Ships either burnt, or sunk, and many more had lost their Masts; amongst the rest the Admiral, whose Flag being removed, they concluded from thence, that he was either killed, or wounded. That the English Fleet had retired in great Disorder; that M. de Court had pursued them very briskly; that the English Admiral had passed by Portsmouth, without entering it, because his Ships must have gone in one by one; that he then bore away for Gibraltar, but that our Fleet would, probably, come up with him before he arrived there. That it was said, the English Admiral wanted Powder and Bullets; and that it was presumed the Victory was completed, because none of our Ships are yet come into Port, excepting that of Don Olivarez.

This Account is very much weakened by several private Letters from Toulon directly; which may be depended upon; and which assure us, that the English Seamen sent in there were not the Crew of any of Admiral Mathews's Ships that were in the Engagement, but were sick People left at the Island of Hierres; and were sent in there on purpose to countenance the Report of a Victory. As yet, we have no Intelligence of any Troops embarked at Antibes, and there are very considerable Wagers laid here, that the Embarkation there will have the same Fate with that which was to have been made at Dunkirk.

General Post-Office, London, February 8, 1743.

WHEREAS the Post-Boy, going out with the West Mail from this Office, was this Morning, between Five and Six o'Clock, attacked on the Highway at the Stalling Place, on the other Side of Turnham-Green, by a single Highwayman, who took the said Post-Boy into a Field adjoining to the Road, and opened the Mail, and carried off the Exeter and Plymouth Bags: The Person, who committed this Robbery, is a middle-sized Man, and had on a Blue Great Coat, with his Hat tied over his Head, and he rode on a Sorrel Horse with a White Face, about Fourteen Hands high, and made off for Acton, the Oxford Road.

It is therefore to give Notice, that whoever shall apprehend and convict, or cause to be apprehended and convicted, the Person who committed this Robbery, will be entitled to a Reward of Two Hundred Pounds, over and above the Reward given by Act of Parliament for apprehending of Highwaymen: Or if any Person or Persons, whether Accomplices in the said Robbery, or knowing thereof, shall make a Discovery, whereby the Person who committed the same may be apprehended and brought to Justice, such Discoverer, or Discoverers, will, upon Conviction of the Party, be entitled to the same Reward of Two Hundred Pounds, and also have his Majesty's most gracious Pardon.

By Command of the Post-Master General,
George Shelvocke, Secretary.

HOME PORTS.

Dover, March 14. Sir Charles Hardy, and Admiral Martin, with the Three Deck Ships, are just past this Road from the Downs, with the Wind E. N. E.

Deal, March 14. Wind N. E. The Duke, Sir Charles Hardy, the Sandwich, Admiral Martin, with the Victory, and several other Ships, are now under Sail to the Westward. Remains the Suffolk, Sir John Norris, and his Squadron. Last Night came on shore, near Sandown-Castle, the St. Dominick, Werry, from Malaga for Dunkirk.

Gravesend, March 14. Passed by the Lady Elizabeth, Kinkart, from Amsterdam; the Prince of Wales, Harding, the Nancy, Alcock, the King George, Collins, and the William and Mary Yacht, Capt. Bridges, all from Rotterdam; the Emanuel, Snatchell, and the Two Brothers, Mical, from Norway.

Arrived
At Baltimore, the Recovery, Ross, from Certe.
At Kinsale, the Debby, Whitbone, from Philadelphia.

LONDON.

Private Letters from Berlin say, that Count de Rottemberg has been dispatched to Paris, in order to ac-

quaint that Court with the Reasons why his Prussian Majesty cannot comply with the Proposals made to him by the Marquis de Valori.

The Marquis de Sade, who is Governor of the Duchy of Savoy for the Spaniards, having discovered a Correspondence held by the Marquis de St. Swerin with the Court of Turin, has seized his Person and Papers, and transmitted an Account of the whole Affair to Madrid.

According to private Letters from Toulon, the French Court have ordered Henry Cybille, of Marseilles, and John Antony Jouval, Master of the two Tartanes, which brought the first News of the Battle, to be tried for Desertion, in quitting the Fleet without Leave.

Yesterday the Right Hon. the Lord Chancellor held the fourth and last General Seal at Lincoln's-Inn Hall, after Hilary Term, when a Grant pass'd to the Reverend Thomas Cheyney, D. D. of the Prebendary of Milton Ecclesia, in the County of Lincoln.

The same Day a new Commission of the Peace pass'd the Great Seal for the County of Chester.

As did likewise a Commission appointing the Right Hon. William, Earl Cowper, to be Lord Lieutenant and Custos Rotulorum of the County of Hertford.

Yesterday was held a General Court of the Governor and Company of the Bank of England, at their House in Threadneedle-Street, behind the Royal Exchange, when a Dividend of Two 3-4ths per Cent. for Interest and Profits for the Half-Year ending at Lady-day next, was agreed to: The Warrants to be payable the 19th of April next.

The Rev. Mr. Bruce, Preacher at Somerset House Chapel, preach'd Yesterday, at St. Margaret's Church in Westminster, before the Trustees for the Colony of Georgia. After Divine Service, they had a grand Entertainment at the Horn Tavern in Kingstreet, Westminster.

High Water this Day	Morning	Evening
at London-Bridge.	01 21	03 46

Bank Stock, Nothing done. India, 191. South Sea, 110 1-half. Old Annuity, 113. New ditto, 111 1-half to 3-4ths. Three per Cent. 98. Ditto 1743, 98. Seven per Cent. Loan, Nothing done. Five per Cent. ditto, Nothing done. Royal Assurance, 75 1-half. London Assurance, 11 1-half. India Bonds, 3 l. 4 s. to 7 s. Prem. Bank Circulation, 3 l. Prem. Salt Talties, 102. Three 1-half per Cent. Exchequer Orders, 102 1-half. Three per Cent. ditto, Nothing done. Million Bank, 118. Equivalent, 110.

General Post-Office, London, January 12, 1743.

WHEREAS the Post-boy carrying the North Mail from Huntington to Stilton, was Yesterday, the 11th Instant, about Six of the Clock in the Evening, attacked on the Highway, at a Place called Standgate-Hole, by a single Highwayman, who presented a Pistol to the Post-boy's Breast, and carried off the following Bags; viz. Durham, Hull, Boston, Falkingham, Lincoln, Horncastle, Louth, Spalding, Stamford, Bourn, and Peterborough.

The Person who committed this Robbery is a lanky Man, and had on a large dark Frock over his Coat; his Face was covered with Black, and he rode on a dark Sorrel Horse, with a White Face, and made off for the Biggleswade Road.

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Admiralty-Office, March 15. 1743.
THE Petty Officers and Foremastmen lately belonging to his Majesty's Ship the Swift, being ordered to be turned over into the Dolphin at Sheerness, instead of the Chester, the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty do hereby direct the said Petty Officers and Foremastmen to repair immediately on board the Dolphin at Sheerness; where they will be paid the Remainder of the Wages due to them for the Swift Sloop, before the Dolphin proceeds to Sea. But in case they fail to repair on board her, as above directed, the Marshal of the Admiralty will be ordered to apprehend them, that they may be try'd at a Court Martial as Deserters.

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